

Application Serial No. 09/715,426
Amend. Dated November 3, 2004
Reply to Advisory Action of October 15, 2004

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 15, 2004. Claims 1-17 and 23 was canceled. Claims 18-22 and 24-27 are now pending.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

I. Double Patenting:

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-22 and 24-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,985,551 in view of claims 9 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 5,985,551.

In order to expedite prosecution of the pending application, Applicant has filed in response to this rejection a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), which should not be considered an admission as to the propriety of the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they are entitled to a letters patent and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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